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DRIVE-IN OR DRIVE-THRU PROTOCOL FOR COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES

The County of San Diego Public Health Department is allowing drive-in and drive-thru commencement ceremonies for educational institutions. The Public Health Protocol for Commencement Ceremonies must be followed by the host of the graduation, educational institution, who is responsible for ensuring full compliance with the protocol and adherence to the [Order of the Health Officer](#).

PUBLIC HEALTH PROTOCOL

Drive-In or Drive-Thru Plan and Format

- ☐ Graduations must have appropriate law enforcement and staff support to execute a plan safely, including a traffic plan. Approval of the plan before the event is not required.
- ☐ No sales, exchanges of goods or food, or restrooms are permitted during the graduation.
- ☐ The host may provide a diploma or paper using a no-contact pick-up method, maintaining physical distancing of 6-feet or greater and wearing a face covering.
- ☐ Only the staff necessary to facilitate the event should be present.

Sanitation Protocol

- ☐ Ensure the host follows the [Social Distancing and Sanitation Protocol](#).

Face Coverings

- ☐ Host and security personnel must wear a face covering at all times, as described in the [Order of the Health Officer](#).

Physical Distancing

- ☐ Staff, faculty, or educational institution personnel must maintain a minimum distance of 6-feet apart.
- ☐ All participants, excluding school personnel and security, must arrive and remain in a fully enclosed motorized vehicle.
- ☐ Educational institution personnel must remain at least 6-feet from the car while taking photos.
- ☐ Occupants of the vehicle are limited to members of the same household, and no more than the legal occupancy in the vehicle is allowed.
- ☐ Occupants of the vehicle must not exit the vehicle to take photos, greet others, or change vehicles.
- ☐ The graduate may exit their car, to walk across the stage and accept a diploma, if applicable.
- ☐ Participants may not park for the purpose of gathering before, during, or after the procession.
- ☐ Persons at higher risk for severe symptoms of COVID-19 are recommended to stay home.
- ☐ Ensure the host follows the [Social Distancing and Sanitation Protocol](#).

CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have questions you can request information through the County of San Diego Education Sector Support team at COVID-Education@sdcounty.ca.gov or visit the [County of San Diego COVID-19 website](#).